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IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **GME-4**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD AGREEMENT - AS-NEEDED GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
VARIOUS IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute consultant Agreements for "As-Needed Geotechnical Services" with the following consultants in the following amounts to be financed by any available funds starting in Fiscal Year 2005-06. The Agreements will provide as-needed geotechnical services for a three-year period commencing on the date of the initial Notice to Proceed, with two, one-year renewal options to be exercised by the Director. Renewal will be exercised based upon the remaining funding available and the level of satisfaction with the services provided.

1. Consultant Services Agreement with Leighton Consulting, Inc., for a not-to-exceed annual fee of \$250,000.
2. Consultant Services Agreement with Fugro, Inc., for a not-to-exceed annual fee of \$250,000.
3. Consultant Services Agreement with GeoPentech, Inc., for a not-to-exceed annual fee of \$250,000.

4. Consultant Services Agreement with URS Corporation Americas for a not-to-exceed annual fee of \$250,000.
5. Consultant Services Agreement with Mactec Engineering and Consulting, Inc., for a not-to-exceed annual fee of \$250,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board authorize the Director to execute five Consultant Services Agreements for as-needed geotechnical services to enhance Public Works' overall geotechnical design capabilities for various County and contract cities public works facilities and acquisitions. The use of these as-needed contractors will enable our Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division to better manage fluctuations in workload, and thereby provide responsive and cost-effective services to our clients.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility by supporting public infrastructure and is also consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Organizational Effectiveness. The use of as-needed Consultant Services Agreements has enabled Public Works to better manage fluctuations in workload, and thereby provide responsive services to our clients.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation will be made available in the impacted fiscal years in various Public Works budget units. Should additional work be required that exceeds the amount authorized, approval of additional funds will not be authorized without first ascertaining that funds are available in either the current year's budget or in subsequent years' budget for renewal options and obtaining the Board's approval. There is no impact on net County cost.

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FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard Consultant Services Agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included. Contract expiration dates will be established.

Prior to the Director executing each individual contract, each contractor will execute their individual contract and County Counsel will review them as to form.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, Leighton, Fugro, GeoPentech, URS, and Mactec agreed to consider Greater Avenues for Independence Program/General Relief Opportunity for Work participants for future employment.

Leighton, Fugro, GeoPentech, URS, and Mactec are in full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program).

As required by your Board, the contracts will be supplemented to include provisions requiring contractors to notify their employees and require each subcontractor to notify its employees about Board Policy 5.135, the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, and that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

There is no environmental impact associated with the approval of these Agreements. The appropriate environmental documentation will be completed prior to returning to your Board for adopting plans and specifications and advertising for construction bids for any projects that are proposed.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On March 15, 2006, a Request for Proposal was issued to 45 firms from a Public Works list of qualified firms. Fifteen firms submitted proposals for review and evaluation. An evaluation committee, consisting of our Geotechnical and Materials Engineering staff, evaluated the proposals. Leighton, Fugro, GeoPentech, URS, and Mactec were selected as best qualified firms to provide the required services based upon the proposed organizational structure, support resources, technical and administrative

expertise, experience, and proposed work plan, all of which represented the best value to the County. Leighton, Fugro, GeoPentech, URS, and Mactec were selected without regard to race, creed, color, or gender.

The recommended contracts with Leighton, Fugro, GeoPentech, URS, and Mactec will include a cost of living adjustment provision in accordance with your Board policy, which was approved on January 29, 2002.

Community Business Enterprises, required certification forms, and three-year contracting history forms are on file with Public Works.

Public Works evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program (County Code Chapter 2.020) did not apply to the contract, as the contracts are non-Proposition A services.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, and to further increase awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, a Request for Qualifications for these services was listed on the "Doing Business with Us" website.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Awarding this Consultant Services Agreement with Leighton, Fugro, GeoPentech, URS, and Mactec will allow Public Works to continue to be responsive to increases in our workload and to provide quality control and effectiveness in the design of our projects. Without this as-needed geotechnical service to supplement our technical staff, we anticipate significant change orders during the construction phase of the projects and higher operations and maintenance costs during the life of the new facilities.

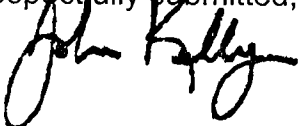
There will be no negative impact on any other budgeted programs or projects as a result of authorizing this Consultant Services Agreement.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one copy of the adopted letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Kelly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being more prominent than the last name "Kelly".

DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Department of Public Social Services (GAIN/GROW Program)